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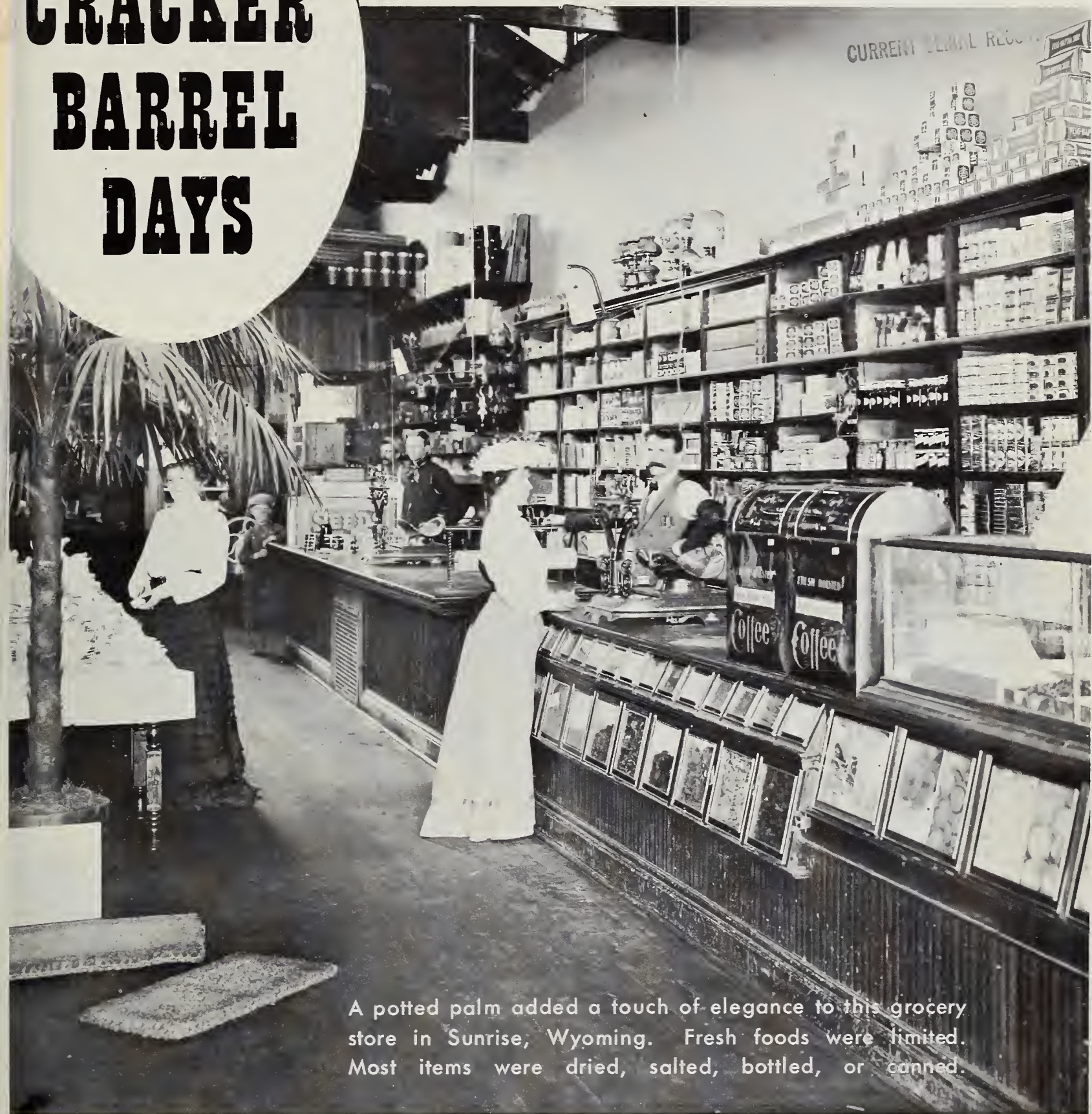
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A potted palm added a touch of elegance to this grocery store in Sunrise, Wyoming. Fresh foods were limited. Most items were dried, salted, bottled, or canned.

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... shopping for food then and since

The U.S. Department of Agriculture was founded a century ago. Since then, the sort of foods we buy and the places where we buy them have changed as much as farming itself. In this booklet, which is issued as part of its Centennial observance, the Department of Agriculture takes a brief look at some of those changes.

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In the early 1860s, housewives in Topeka, Kansas, had a choice of meat markets, but not much choice in what the markets offered.



A market in New Orleans around the turn of the century. Shopping carts were already in style, and obviously a favorite of the small fry.

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A homburg hat was part of what the well-dressed milkman wore in New York City around 1900.

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In the 1870s, this meat market in Duluth may have been short on sanitation by modern standards, but it was long on fish and game from Minnesota waters and woods.

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Shopping at a central, outdoor market was often the first step in fixing a good Sunday dinner. Shown in the 1870s is a market in Norfolk, Virginia.



A forerunner of today's supermarkets, such as this one in 1934, when the automobile patterns of shopping.

Left: The heart of many a country store was the cast-iron, pot-bellied stove—headquarters of the Hot Stove League in winter and right through summer too.

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Not so long ago bartering was a routine way for rural folks to get some of the food they sold. Here, a young girl brings eggs for trade at the local store, perhaps for some ground coffee or the makings of a dress.



The butcher, the baker, and maybe a harness-maker were out in force along with their customers to pose for this picture in the nineties.

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Clams were the speciality of this New York fruit peddler back in 1906. Sea food too was a popular item in push-cart marketing. On the right, two customers sample the clams and hope they're fresh.

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These were cooperative curb markets in Florida. It is shown in a recently changed American



Since horse-and-buggy days, roadside markets have been a familiar way for consumers to buy fresh produce direct from the farmer.



This fruit-and-vegetable store in Beaufort, South Carolina, had some unusual competition right in the same building. The photo was taken by Walker Evans in 1936.



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This old-fashioned country store was located in New York State. If his stock ranged widely, so did the proprietor. Besides minding the store, he was the local constable, barber, and cobbler.



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When the youngster, left, is old enough to push the shopping cart herself, there's no telling what further improvements will have been made in American foods and markets. Meanwhile she's thriving on a tremendous variety of good foods, many of them unknown when her mother was her age.

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